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## SB 633 IMPACT ON MEDI-CAL

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion regarding Medi-Cal-only eligibility determinations in light of the recent statutory changes to the AFDC cash grant program. The correct application of the Medi-Cal regulations is described below.

Nonfederal Unemployed Parent Program

Welfare and Institutions (W & I) Code, Section 11201 has been amended so that only those families in which both parents are unemployed (or are employed less than 100 hours) and neither meets the federal conditions for unemployed deprivation, would be eligible for the nonfederal U-program.

Families being terminated from AFDC cash because they do not meet this new requirement are not entitled to Four Month Continuing Medi-Cal coverage. Families are entitled to such coverage only when the sole reason for AFDC discontinuance is increased earnings or hours of employment, CAC, Title 22, Section 50243. Under SB 633 the families are being discontinued due to a change in the definition of deprivation under the nonfederal unemployed parent program.

Affected families who are interested in Medi-Cal-only eligibility should have their eligibility determined under the Medically Indigent program, CAC, Title 22, Section 50251. Current Medi-Cal regulations link only federally eligible families to the AFDC-Medically Needy (MN) program, CAC, Title 22, Section 50215.

18-21 Year Old Children

W & I Code, Sections 11253 and 11403 have been amended so that a child age 18, 19, or 20 who is receiving AFDC-FG/U or AFDC Foster Care may continue to be eligible only if regularly attending high school on a full-time basis.

Children or families who are terminated from AFDC cash due to this change should have their Medi-Cal-only eligibility evaluated under the AFDC-MN program, CAC, Title 22, Section 50203(a)(2).

Due to the above mentioned W & I Code amendments contained in SB 633, the only persons who qualify as Other Public Assistance recipients under CAC, Title 22, Section 50241 (Children Not in School or Training) are